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RE: Request for Comments on the Draft Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human  
Reproduction (CERHR) Expert Panel Report on Propylene Glycol

Dear Dr. Shelby,

The Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association (CTFA)<sup>1</sup> appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft CERHR Expert Panel Report on Propylene Glycol. Propylene Glycol is used in personal care products, and thus, the consideration of Propylene Glycol by a CERHR Expert Panel is of interest to CTFA members.

The Cosmetics Industry supports an independent Expert Panel, the Cosmetic Ingredient Review (CIR), that evaluates the safety of ingredients as they are used in cosmetic/personal care products. The CIR Expert Panel is comprised of seven voting physicians and scientists and includes representatives of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Consumer Federation of America, and the Cosmetics Industry as non-voting liaison members. A recent Annual Report is enclosed.

CIR has evaluated the safety of Propylene Glycol. The CIR Expert Panel concluded that "Propylene Glycol and Polypropylene Glycols are safe for use in cosmetic products at concentrations up to 50.0%" (JACT 13(6): 437-491. 1994). A copy of the CIR report on Propylene Glycol is enclosed. The CIR report provides information about the product categories and concentration ranges of Propylene Glycol used in cosmetic/personal care products that is lacking in the draft CERHR Expert Panel Report on Propylene Glycol.

We trust you will find the information in the CIR report helpful to the CERHR review of Propylene Glycol, and encourage you to contact us should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup>CTFA is the U.S. national trade association representing the personal care products industry. CTFA is comprised of over 300 active members that produce the vast majority of the cosmetics distributed in the U.S. and that also produce many over-the-counter drugs designed for dermal application. The association also has over 300 associate members that provide raw ingredients and other supplies and services to the industry. Many of CTFA's members are international companies that do business in many foreign countries as well.